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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Examiner the results of an European Search Report. As no first Office Action on the merits has issued in this case, no fee is due.

U.S. 5,978,773 has been cited by the European Patent Office under Category X for European claims 1 - 4, 6, 10 and under Category Y with regard to European claims 7, 8 and 11. The reference discloses a system and method for using an ordinary article of commerce to access a remote computer.

WO 98/09243 has been cited under Category X with regard to European claims 1 - 4, 6 and 10. The reference discloses a system for providing easy access to the world wide web.

CA 2,235,002 has been cited under Category X with regard to European claims 1 - 4, 6 and 10. The reference discloses a network-based search engine using scanner codes.

U.S. 5,804,803 has been cited under Category X with regard to European claims 1 - 4, 6 and 10. The reference discloses a mechanism for retrieving information using data encoded on an object.

WO 98/40823 has been cited under Category X with regard to European claims 1 - 4, 6 and 10. The reference discloses a method for collecting URL's from printed media.

WO 98/03923 has been cited under Category X with regard to European claims 1 - 4, 6 and 10. The reference discloses a world wide web bar code access system.

EP 0 936 567 has been cited under Category X with regard to European claims 1 - 4, 6 and 10. The reference discloses a method and device for automated transfer and maintenance of Internet based information.

JP11-154131, the abstract has been cited under Category X with regard to European claims 1 - 4, 6 and 10. This reference discloses a linking system for television and WWW browser. Applicant attaches a translation of the abstract. No full translation is available to Applicant at this time.

JP 11-184876, the abstract has been cited under Category Y with regard to European claims 7, 8 and 11. This reference discloses a device for retrieving Internet similar information. Applicant attaches a translation of the abstract. No full translation is available to Applicant at this time.

Article "Profile of a Web Database". "The access method used for browsing Yahoo is a hierarchical structure or outline", authored by Dan Lester, has been cited under Category A (technological background) with regard to European claims 7, 8 and 11.

To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicant attaches a copy of the European Search Report.

Consideration of these references is requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>5,978,773</u>	<u>Nov. 2, 1999</u>	<u>Hudetz et al.</u>			<u>Oct. 3, 1995</u>
	<u>5,804,803</u>	<u>Sept. 8, 1998</u>	<u>Cragun et al.</u>			<u>April 2, 1996</u>

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	<u>WO 98/09243</u>	<u>March 5, 1998</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>CA 2,235,002</u>	<u>Dec. 18, 1998</u>	<u>Canada</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>WO 98/40823</u>	<u>Sept. 17, 1998</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>WO 98/03923</u>	<u>Jan. 29, 1998</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>EP 0 936 567</u>	<u>Aug. 18, 1999</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>JP 11-154131</u>	<u>June 8, 1999</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>JP 11-184876</u>	<u>July 9, 1999</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>No</u>



OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date,
Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Ex- aminer Initial	Author	Date	Title	Textbook in	Translation Yes/No
	<u>Dan Lester</u>	<u>December 1995</u>	<u>Profile of a Web Database</u>	<u>DATABASE</u>	<u>Yes</u>

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